

# Northern Macomb County Citizen Opinion Survey

Please return by April 22, 2002

## 1. How important is each of these items when deciding where to live?

|                                   | 1= Very<br>Unimportant | 2=<br>Unimportant | 3=Important | 4= Very<br>Important | No Opinion               |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Access to Shopping             | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Affordable home price          | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Close to Work                  | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Commercial Airport Access      | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Cultural Opportunities         | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Family in Area/Grew Up Here    | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Good Schools                   | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Health Care                    | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Improved Roads                 | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j. Public Safety/Crime            | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| k. Quiet Place in the Country     | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| l. Recreational Opportunities     | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| m. Sewage/Water Treatment         | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| n. Site Near or With Water Access | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| o. Small Town Atmosphere          | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## 2. Please indicate the extent to which you believe each is currently a concern in your community

|   | 1= No<br>Concern | 2= Little<br>Concern | 3=Concern | 4= Very<br>Concerned | No opinion               |
|---|------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Deterioration of downtown areas                  | 1                | 2                    | 3         | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Fragmentation of land by low density development | 1                | 2                    | 3         | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Lack of affordable housing                       | 1                | 2                    | 3         | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Lack of park and recreational facilities         | 1                | 2                    | 3         | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Loss of family farms                             | 1                | 2                    | 3         | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Loss of open space                               | 1                | 2                    | 3         | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Loss of outdoor recreation areas                 | 1                | 2                    | 3         | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Loss of sense of community                       | 1                | 2                    | 3         | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Loss of wetlands                                 | 1                | 2                    | 3         | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j. Rapid business and/or commercial growth          | 1                | 2                    | 3         | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| k. Time spent commuting to work                     | 1                | 2                    | 3         | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| l. Rapid residential growth                         | 1                | 2                    | 3         | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| m. Traffic congestion                               | 1                | 2                    | 3         | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## 3. What type of housing do you see a need for in your community?

|  | 1= No need | 2= Low need | 3= Need | 4=Great<br>need | No opinion               |
|--|------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| a. Apartments                                      | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Condominiums                                    | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Mobile Home Parks                               | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Rental Homes                                    | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Retirement Housing                              | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Single Family                                   | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Single/Double wide mobile homes on private lots | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Manufactured Homes                              | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**4. What range of housing do you feel is needed in your community? (Check only one)**

- a. under \$100,000 ☐
- b. \$100,000 to \$150,000 ☐
- c. \$150,000 to \$225,000 ☐
- d. \$225,000 to \$300,00 ☐
- e. \$300,000 and over ☐

**5. The area has a variety of roads and road systems. In your opinion does the local, county, state and/or federal government need to:**

|  | 1= No need | 2= Low need | 3= Need | 4=Great need | No opinion               |
|--|------------|-------------|---------|--------------|--------------------------|
| a Build freeways   | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b Build new roads  | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c Encourage the expansion of some roads to highways (such as M-59) | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d Improve existing roads   | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e Widen existing roads   | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Expand public bus or transit system                             | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Airport expansion   | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. other (specify)_____  | 1          | 2           | 3       | 4            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**6. How important is it for the community to be involved in protecting the following resources from fragmentation and development:**

|                                  | 1=Very Unimportant | 2= Unimportant | 3=Important | 4= Very Important | No opinion               |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Rural character               | 1                  | 2              | 3           | 4                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Farmlands                     | 1                  | 2              | 3           | 4                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Woodlots                      | 1                  | 2              | 3           | 4                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Groundwater resources         | 1                  | 2              | 3           | 4                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Lake and stream water quality | 1                  | 2              | 3           | 4                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Scenic views                  | 1                  | 2              | 3           | 4                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Wildlife and wetland habitat  | 1                  | 2              | 3           | 4                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Existing downtown area        | 1                  | 2              | 3           | 4                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Recreational sites/area       | 1                  | 2              | 3           | 4                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**7. What priority should your community place on each of the following efforts?**

|   | 1=No Priority | 2=Low Priority | 3=Moderate Priority | 4=High Priority | No opinion               |
|---|---------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| a. Building more parks for sporting activities and family outings | 1             | 2              | 3                   | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Building more hiking and biking trails                         | 1             | 2              | 3                   | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Building public golf courses                                   | 1             | 2              | 3                   | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Expanding existing state parks                                 | 1             | 2              | 3                   | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Expanding public hunting and fishing opportunities             | 1             | 2              | 3                   | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Preserving wetlands and marshes                                | 1             | 2              | 3                   | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Protecting farmland from development                           | 1             | 2              | 3                   | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Protecting wood lands  | 1             | 2              | 3                   | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Protecting land along river ways                               | 1             | 2              | 3                   | 4               | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**8. What do you believe are the barriers, if any, to meeting land use challenges in your community?**

**(Check all that apply)**

- a. Lack of adequate enforcement of regulations ☐
- b. Lack of adequate land use regulations ☐
- c. Lack of adequate planning ☐
- d. Lack of planning and zoning coordination with adjoining communities. ☐
- e. Poor public support for difficult land use decisions ☐
- f. Poor public understanding of land use issues ☐
- g. Pressure from developers ☐
- h. Too much state and federal regulation ☐
- i. Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_ ☐

**9. Which of the following statements do you agree or disagree with?**

|  | 1=Strongly<br>Disagree | 2=Disagree | 3=Agree | 4=Strongly<br>Agree | Undecided                |
|--|------------------------|------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| a. There has been significant growth pressure in my community during the past five years         | 1                      | 2          | 3       | 4                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Growth pressure in my community will increase significantly in the next five years            | 1                      | 2          | 3       | 4                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. There have been adequate restrictions on development in my community during the last 5 years. | 1                      | 2          | 3       | 4                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. For the past five years development in the community has been well planned                    | 1                      | 2          | 3       | 4                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**10. Please select the ONE statement that best describes your feelings about growth in your community.**

**Read all statements before selecting one.**

- a. I encourage development provided that adequate utilities, roads, schools, fire and police services, etc. are existing or available ☐
- b. I am satisfied with the current rate of growth of our community. ☐
- c. I believe that growth should take its own course with as little government interference as possible. ☐
- d. I would like to see the community actively encourage growth. ☐
- e. The community should attempt to stop all new development. ☐

**11. The following are some reasons for protecting open space and natural areas. Indicate the importance of each.**

|   | 1= Very<br>Unimportant | 2=<br>Unimportant | 3=Important | 4= Very<br>Important | No Opinion               |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| a. To provide more park space for family outings and sporting activities                                    | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. To expand public access for recreational opportunities   | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. To maintain hunting and fishing opportunities  | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. To maintain environmental benefits of open space (watershed protection, natural areas, wildlife habitat) | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. To preserve the rural character of the community   | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. To slow down and control development   | 1                      | 2                 | 3           | 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**12. What approaches would you support to preserve farmland in your community?**

|   | 1=No<br>Support | 2=Some<br>Support | 3=Support | Undecided                |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| a. Allow developers to build more homes than zoning currently allows in exchange for financially supporting farmland preservation programs. | 1               | 2                 | 3         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Direct or encourage more development in and around existing cities and/or villages   | 1               | 2                 | 3         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Limit the number of new homes in rural areas through stricter land use and zoning regulations  | 1               | 2                 | 3         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Pay farmers who voluntarily agree to permanently protect farmland from future development through a conservation easement                | 1               | 2                 | 3         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Provide reduced property taxes to farmers who voluntarily agree to not develop their land  | 1               | 2                 | 3         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. I would support a modest fee or tax if it could really help preserve farmland  | 1               | 2                 | 3         | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**13. Would you favor coordinated planning with your adjacent communities?**

| 1=Don't<br>favor | 2= Favor | 3=Strongly<br>Favor | Undecided                |
|------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1                | 2        | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**14. Public officials need to know your concerns about the economic future of your area. Indicate the level of effort (time and money) you feel should be directed towards attracting the following activities to your community**

|  | 1= No effort | 2= Low effort | 3=Moderate<br>effort | 4=High<br>effort | Undecided                |
|--|--------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Agriculture product processing        | 1            | 2             | 3                    | 4                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Commercial/retail business            | 1            | 2             | 3                    | 4                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Farming                               | 1            | 2             | 3                    | 4                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Light manufacturing                   | 1            | 2             | 3                    | 4                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. New housing development (subdivision) |              |               |                      |                  |                          |
| f. Resort and related business           | 1            | 2             | 3                    | 4                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Tourism                               | 1            | 2             | 3                    | 4                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Other (specify)_____                  | 1            | 2             | 3                    | 4                | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**15. As the community continues to grow and develop, additional public services will be required. Please indicate the extent to which you support public financing to pay for any of the following?**

|  | 1=Don't<br>Support | 2=Support | 3=Strong<br>Support | No opinion               |
|--|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Business and land development services                | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Farmland preservation program for the community       | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Land use planning and zoning                          | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Natural areas/open space preservation program         | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Public parks  | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Public transportation with small buses                | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Purchase of additional land as nature preserve(s)     | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Recycling   | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Road repair and maintenance                           | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j. Trails for hiking, biking                             | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| k. Emergency services such as fire and police protection | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| l. Expansion of sewer and water for future development   | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| m. Upgrading and expanding school facilities             | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| n. Other (specify)_____                                  | 1                  | 2         | 3                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**16. Gender**

- a. Female ☐  
b. Male ☐

**17. Age**

- a. Less than 30 ☐  
b. 30-39 ☐  
c. 40-49 ☐  
d. 50-59 ☐  
e. 60-69 ☐  
f. 70+ ☐

**18. Participant Background: Your race?**

- a. Asian ☐  
b. Black ☐  
c. Native American Indian ☐  
d. Spanish origin ☐  
e. White ☐  
f. Other ☐

**19. Education**

- a. High school or equivalent ☐  
b. Some college ☐  
c. Associates degree ☐  
d. Bachelor degree ☐  
e. College degree beyond bachelors ☐

**20. Housing: Do you own or rent your home?**

- a. Own ☐  
b. Rent ☐

**21. Which of the following most closely describes your current residence (please circle one)**

- a. Condominium or townhouse ☐  
b. Apartment ☐  
c. Large rural lot, nonfarm (more than 5 acres) ☐  
d. Rural lot (less than 5 acres) ☐  
e. Subdivision (less than 5 acres) ☐  
f. Single family home ☐  
g. Mobile home ☐  
h. Operating farm ☐  
i. Other (list) ☐

**22. If you own land, how many acres do you have?**

- a. Less than 1 acre ☐  
b. 1 - 5 acres ☐  
c. 5 - 10 acres ☐  
d. 10-40 acres ☐  
e. 40 or more acres ☐  
f. Do not own ☐

**23. Number of years you have lived in your community.**\_\_\_\_\_**24. Do you live in Macomb County more than 6 months per year?** Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

**25. Number of adults (over 21) residing in this household**

1\_\_\_\_\_ 2\_\_\_\_\_ 3\_\_\_\_\_ 4\_\_\_\_\_ 5 or more \_\_\_\_\_ No. of children\_\_\_\_\_

**26. Which category describes your household income?**

- a. Less than \$10,000 ☐  
b. \$10,000- \$14,999 ☐  
c. \$15,000- \$24,999 ☐  
d. \$25,000- \$34,999 ☐  
e. \$35,000- \$49,999 ☐  
f. \$50,000 or more ☐

**27. ID#**\_\_\_\_\_